

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 1, and add claims 2-20, as follows:

1. (Once Amended) A towbar for use in attaching a storage cart to a vehicle, comprising:
 - a mounting base formed with a left lumen at the left end of said mounting base and a right lumen at the right end of said mounting base;
 - a left base extension having a first end and a second end, and having an attachment fork at said first end and slidable within said lumen at said second end;
 - a right base extension having a first end and a second end, and having an attachment fork at said first end and slidable within said lumen at said second end;
 - a tongue assembly extending from said mounting base and having a tongue and one or more tongue supports;
 - a means for pivotally attaching said tongue assembly to said mounting base; and
 - a means for pivotally attaching said tongue assembly to a storage cart;
 - wherein said left base extension is slidable within said left lumen and said right base extension is slidable within said right lumen to create a width consistent with the width of a storage cart.
2. (new) The towbar of claim 1, wherein said mounting base is formed with at least one threaded bore where a locking screw can be tightened to maintain said left base extension and said right base extension in a selected position or loosened to allow movement of said left base extension and said right base extension either inwards or outwards.

3. (new) The towbar of claim 1, wherein both ends of said mounting base are formed with at least one bore that corresponds to at least one bore formed at the insertion end of said left base extension and said right base extension at designated distances consistent with varying storage cart widths.
4. (new) The towbar of claim 1, wherein said attachment fork on said left base extension and said right base extension are formed with at least one horizontal bore on both extremities so that a pin or screw may pass through and secure a vertical frame member of a storage cart.
5. (new) The towbar of claim 1, wherein both ends of said mounting base are formed with at least one bore that corresponds to the attachment point of said attachment forks and where a pin or screw may be used to secure said attachment forks to both ends of said mounting base.
6. (new) The towbar of claim 1, wherein said means for pivotally attaching said tongue assembly to said mounting base further comprising:
 - pivot brackets extending from said mounting base formed with horizontal bores;
 - and
 - a tongue assembly formed with horizontal bores at the end connecting to said pivot brackets;
 - wherein pins or screws pass through said bores in said pivot brackets and the corresponding tongue assembly components and allow the tongue assembly to rotate vertically around the pin or screw.
7. (new) The towbar of claim 1, wherein said tongue assembly is formed with a

means to attach said tongue assembly to a storage cart at the end opposite said mounting base.

8. (new) The towbar of claim 7, wherein said means to attach said tongue assembly to a storage cart is a tongue ring where a storage cart with a ball-type hitch may be inserted and maintained within said tongue ring.

9. (new) The towbar of claim 7, wherein said means to attach said tongue assembly to a storage cart is an attachment mechanism further comprising:

at least two horizontal tabs formed each formed with a vertical bore; and
said attachment mechanism is formed with a horizontal gap between each said tab;

wherein said tabs of two said attachment mechanisms may be combined so that the bores of said tabs are consistent to allow a pin or screw to pass through and allow said attachment mechanisms to rotate horizontally around the pin or screw.

10. (new) The towbar of claim 9, wherein said attachment mechanism is formed with a gap between the end of each said tab and said tongue sufficiently large to allow extensive rotation of a first storage cart with respect to the connected second storage cart.

11. (new) A towbar for use in attaching a storage cart to a vehicle, comprising:
a mounting base formed with a lumen at a first end and a second end;
a left base extension having an attachment fork and slidable within said lumen;
a right base extension having an attachment fork and slidable within said lumen;
and
a tongue assembly extending from said mounting base; and

a means for pivotally attaching said tongue assembly to a storage cart.

12. (new) The towbar of claim 11, wherein said mounting base is formed with at least one threaded bore where a locking screw can be tightened to maintain said left base extension and said right base extension in a selected position or loosened to allow movement of said left base extension and said right base extension either inwards or outwards.
13. (new) The towbar of claim 11, wherein both ends of said mounting base are formed with at least one bore that corresponds to at least one bore formed at the insertion end of said left base extension and said right base extension at designated distances consistent with varying storage cart widths.
14. (new) The towbar of claim 11, wherein said attachment fork on said left base extension and said right base extension are formed with at least one horizontal bore on both extremities so that a pin or screw may pass through and secure a vertical frame member of a storage cart.
15. (new) The towbar of claim 11, wherein both ends of said mounting base are formed with at least one bore that corresponds to the attachment point of said attachment forks and where a pin or screw may be used to secure said attachment forks to both ends of said mounting base.
16. (new) The towbar of claim 11, wherein said tongue assembly is formed with a means to attach said tongue assembly to a cart at the end opposite said mounting base.

17. (new) The towbar of claim 16, wherein said means to attach said tongue assembly to a storage cart is a tongue ring where a storage cart with a ball-type hitch may be inserted and maintained within said tongue ring.

18. (new) The towbar of claim 16, wherein said means to attach said tongue assembly to a storage cart further comprises:

at least two horizontal tabs formed each formed with a vertical bore; and
said attachment mechanism is formed with a horizontal gap between each said tab;

wherein said tabs of two said attachment mechanisms may be combined so that the bores of said tabs are consistent to allow a pin or screw to pass through and allow said attachment mechanisms to rotate horizontally around the pin or screw.

19. (new) The towbar of claim 18, wherein said attachment mechanism is formed with a gap between the end of each said tab and said tongue sufficiently large to allow rotation of a first storage cart with respect to the connected second storage cart.

20. (new) A towbar, comprising:

a mounting base;
a left base extension and a right base extension, said extensions extendable from said mounting base;
a tongue extending from said mounting base;
a means for attaching said left base extension and said right base extension to a storage cart; and
a means for attaching said tongue to a vehicle.